

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
WESTERN DIVISION**

LDGP, LLC, d/b/a HARTSOUGH)
DERMATOLOGY, an Illinois LLC,)
RITACCA COSMETIC SURGERY AND)
MED SPA, LTD., an Illinois LLC BLACK)
ALSATIANS, LLC d/b/a PIGMENT)
DEMOGRAPHICS AND LASER REMOVAL,)
a Texas LLC, SAXON and SUSAN HATCHETT,)
BURKE DERMATOLOGY, P.A., and)
ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED,)

Case No. 15-cv-50148

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

CYNOSURE, INC., a Delaware Corporation,)

Defendants.)

AGREED QUALIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 45 C.F.R.

§ 164.512(e)(1), the Court finds good cause for the issuance of a qualified protective order
and ORDERS as follows:

1. The parties and their attorneys are hereby authorized to receive and transmit “protected health information” pertaining to treatment of any individual to the extent and subject to the conditions outlined herein.

2. For the purposes of this qualified protective order, “protected health information” shall have the same scope and definition as set forth in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 and 164.501. Protected health information includes, but is not limited to, health information, including demographic information, relating to either (a) the past, present, or future physical or mental condition of an individual, (b) the provision of care to an individual, or (c) the payment for care provided to an

individual, which identifies the individual or which reasonably could be expected to identify the individual.

3. All “covered entities,” as defined by 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, are hereby authorized to disclose protected health information pertaining to their treatment of any individual treated by any Plaintiff to attorneys representing the Plaintiffs and Defendant in the above-captioned litigation.

4. The parties and their attorneys shall be permitted to use or disclose the protected health information of any individual treated by any Plaintiff for purposes of prosecuting or defending this action including any appeals of this case. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, disclosure to their attorneys, experts, consultants, court personnel, court reporters, copy services, trial consultants, and other entities or persons involved in the litigation process.

5. Prior to disclosing protected health information pertaining to an individual treated by a Plaintiff to persons involved in this litigation, counsel shall inform each such person that the protected health information may not be used or disclosed for any purpose other than this litigation. Counsel shall take all other reasonable steps to ensure that persons receiving the protected health information do not use or disclose such information for any purpose other than this litigation.

6. Within 45 days after the conclusion of the litigation including appeals, the parties, their attorneys, and any person or entity in possession of protected health information received from counsel pursuant to paragraph four of this Order, shall return all protected health information to the covered entity that provided it or destroy any and all copies of protected health information disclosed pursuant to this order, except that counsel are not required to secure the return or destruction of protected health information submitted to the court.

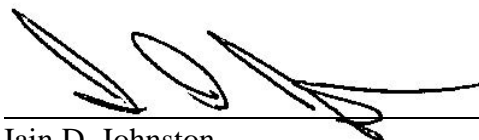
7. This Order does not control or limit the use of protected health information that comes into the possession of the parties or their attorneys from a source other than a “covered entity,” as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

8. Nothing in this Order authorizes counsel for the Defendants to obtain medical records or information through means other than formal discovery requests, subpoenas, depositions, pursuant to a patient authorization, or other lawful process.

9. This Order does not authorize either party to seal court filings or court proceedings. The Court will make a good cause determination for filing under seal if and when the parties seek to file Plaintiff’s protected health information under seal.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 22, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain D. Johnston', is written over a horizontal line.

Iain D. Johnston
United States Magistrate Judge